

1) What are you going to do to better this community Mayor?

There are many projects we're working on to make Beaverton better. For example, we're working on coming up with a community-led sustainability plan. We've hired a new cultural inclusion coordinator to ramp up our efforts to support our ethnic minorities. Many of the other projects I addressed in my speech, such as the Creekside District, South Cooper Mountain, our Civic and Comprehensive Plans, our Visioning efforts—all these go towards making a more welcoming and vibrant Beaverton.

2) What new developments are planned for Beaverton and will Ava be an anchor tenant at those properties?

The Council-approved Civic Plan is the best description of planned development and can be accessed through the city's website. The city is working on two housing and mixed use projects in old town, the development of a community health and education clinic, the redesign of Canyon Road and other projects.

We don't know whether Ava's will be an anchor tenant—that is a business decision of the owner of the company (we want Ava's to continue to expand and maintain headquarters in Beaverton).

3) What is the technology roadmap for the city with regards to sustainability?

Beaverton's "roadmap for technology" is found in the city's economic development strategy which targets the promotion and facilitation of the five technology sectors which have clustered in Beaverton: electrical equipment; scientific and medical equipment; software; sporting equipment and apparel; and clean/green technology. Our recruitment, expansion and retention efforts by the economic development staff focus on these technology-based industry sectors.

Another possible answer to your question relates to our use of technology in the city. For example, we use Thin Clients, which are more energy efficient. The Library just had new software installed that turns computers off each night to save energy. The Beaverton City Library also has solar panels installed on its roof. There are eight solar trash compactors in City Park and at the Beaverton City Library. We have seven electric-vehicle charging stations. Our fleet has one electric vehicle and one hybrid.

4) Crosswalk signals need to be in place on Allen Boulevard and 141st.

On Allen Boulevard and 141st Avenue, median islands and pedestrian warning signs with flashing lights have been installed to improve pedestrian safety at this location. To install a pedestrian signal, the intersection must meet signal warrant of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), a national federal standard and guideline for the installation of traffic control devices.

Staff will collect new data and reevaluate the intersection for a traffic signal. Staff will also review the intersection to determine if additional treatments could be added to improve pedestrian safety at this intersection. Education and enforcement are keys to improving safety for all road users.

Footnote: To meet the signal warrants of the MUTCD, the intersection must have at least 107 pedestrians crossing the street each hour for four hours. This particular location was evaluated for the installation of traffic signal and did not meet signal warrants. The city installed the islands and the warning signs with the flashing lights to improve pedestrian safety.

5) Why is it that there aren't crosswalk signs on Hall Boulevard. It is very dangerous for people trying to cross many existing crosswalks. Cars do not stop. I go to Ava's every day and fear crossing Hall because of this. Accidents waiting to happen.

In urban downtown areas it is expected that pedestrians will be crossing the street near intersections. Therefore, the crosswalk signs or crosswalk markings are not installed.

Typically, crosswalk markings are installed at intersections that are controlled by a traffic signal or a stop sign and must meet the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) standards, a national federal standard and guideline for the installation of traffic control devices. By state statutes, each intersection has a pedestrian crossing regardless if it is marked or unmarked. Drivers must yield the right of way to pedestrians. Staff will review the location to determine if installation of a crosswalk meets the standards of the MUTCD.

6) Can we increase police presence between Beaverton and Aloha?

The best thing to do is to contact the police if you live within Beaverton city limits. You can call dispatch at 503-629-0111 and let them know your location and reason for why you want increased patrolling. Parts of Aloha are under county jurisdiction and Hillsboro city limits, therefore you would want to reach out to the Washington County Sheriff's office or Hillsboro's dispatch.

7) What is your stance on the legalization of marijuana in Oregon?

That's for the citizens to decide.

Oregon's criminal laws relating to marijuana apply statewide; cities in Oregon don't have the legal authority to enact a law to completely decriminalize all marijuana manufacturing, distribution and possession, even if limited to activities within city limits.

Reform of marijuana laws would have to take place at the state (not local) level. In short, Beaverton isn't much interested in issues relating to the reform of marijuana laws in Oregon.


8) English ivy is invasive non-native plant. Why do you allow its planting along streets? Sets a bad example for citizens. Ivy in Eichler Park. Also Holly. Ivy and holly on Menlo.

The landscaping along a majority of the frontage along public streets is maintained by the adjacent property owner. Since this responsibility falls to the owner, the city allows the owner to decide what landscaping is done in addition to the city mandated street trees as long as it does not interfere with public use of the right of way.

The city would have to enact an ordinance specifically prohibiting ivy or other invasive non-native plants in the right of way before we could require its removal. The city does not have any such ordinance.

That said some of the ivy along our streets is the responsibility of the city. We no longer plant ivy in areas that we maintain. We often remove it when the opportunity arises. The median on Fifth Street between Griffith and the railroad tracks is a good example. The ivy was removed as part of a utility project that impacted the median. Unfortunately, the removal process will be very slow because of initial costs to remove it and redo the landscaping and the higher maintenance costs over time. Unfortunately, ivy is very low maintenance landscape which is why so many homeowners use it.

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9) Do you think the Latino community is important for the Beaverton Community?

Yes, the Latinos are a very important part of our community. That's why in 2009, I created the Mayor's Diversity Task Force, to strengthen the city's relationship with not only the Latino community, but other ethnic minority communities here in Beaverton. Representing 16 percent of our population, it is important that the city is a strong resource and partner of the Latino community.

The city's new cultural inclusion coordinator is here to help bridge the cultural gap between the city and other ethnic minority groups. Over the years, the city has cultivated many valuable relationships with the Latino community and the city strives to make those relationships even stronger.

10) Why won't our state fix PERS? It punishes our schools.

The state did enact some changes to the PERS system during this legislative session that will reduce the future cost increases.

11) Why did we take out a loan to revitalize the city when we didn't need to?

The city has two loans outstanding through the State Department of Energy. The first loan the city assumed with it obtained a title to the Central Plant in June 2005. The loan was enacted to pay for plant improvements that were built prior to the city obtaining the title to the plant. When the city assumed the loan, it had a balance of \$607,977. The current balance is \$257,897 with the final payment in May 2017.


The second loan was enacted in July 2007 for \$1 million and the proceeds were used to purchase and install a second chiller and boiler and the piping to serve Lots 1, 2 and 6 as well as the Westgate Site. The current balance on this loan is \$720,757 with the final payment in June 2022.

12) When will we see changes/improvements in downtown Beaverton?

The city is working on multiple projects related to downtown including improving Canyon road and our creeks.

Canyon Road:

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Vehicle delay reduction project: The city has obtained funding and construction is pending. This project will reduce vehicle delay on Canyon by up to 22 percent. Construction completion is estimated to be FY2013-14.

Safety and Streetscape Enhancement project: The city is currently applying for funding through regional (MTIP) and federal (TIGER) sources. The city is seeking \$3.52 million from MTIP (Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program) and \$10 million from TIGER (Transportation Investment Economic Recovery grant). With funding, streetscape enhancement construction could begin as early as 2014. The city will continue to seek funding for Canyon as a top transportation priority. Submit comments about Canyon as a priority by visiting Metro's public comment [page](#).

Bike Network Enhancement project: The city has requested design funding for FY2013-14 and construction funding for FY 2014-15. The project will provide bikeways on two parallel east-west routes through downtown Beaverton: Millikan/Henry and Broadway. Currently, the city is working with the bike community on the design. Construction completion is estimated to take place in FY2014-15.

Creeks:

Creekside park and open space project: This project is funded for planning and design work. The project will provide creek amenity between Cedar Hills Boulevard and Lombard Avenue. The city will seek funding with completion of design work in 2015.